

## House Resolution No.

**Whereas**, the members of the Missouri House of Representatives hold in high esteem those Show-Me State residents who admirably have devoted an exceptional amount of time and energy to helping students obtain the knowledge, skills, and experiences necessary to become lifelong learners and future societal leaders; and

**Whereas**, Yvonne Ridder has attained considerable distinction as the founder and coordinator of the Washington School District's Parents as Teachers program; and

**Whereas**, Yvonne Ridder will draw her leadership and involvement in Parents as Teachers to a close in well-deserved retirement after twenty-two years of service; and

**Whereas**, Yvonne Ridder began working part-time as the Washington School District's first parent educator during the 1985-1986 school year when she made visits to 87 families; and

**Whereas**, Yvonne Ridder now oversees a Parents as Teachers program that has grown to include nine Parent Educators who make nearly 2,000 home visits for approximately 475 families with children up to age three and who perform private visits or group meetings for another 358 families with children between the ages of three and five; and

**Whereas**, the Washington School District Parents as Teachers program also performs developmental screenings and refers families to community resources when needed; and

**Whereas**, when Yvonne Ridder initiated the Washington School District Parents as Teachers program, she shared an office with the school nurse; and today the Parents as Teachers program shares an entire building with the Early Childhood Special Education Program; and

**Whereas**, Yvonne Ridder is justifiably proud to be known as the beloved wife of Glenn Ridder, loving mother of John and Heidi Ridder and of Becky and Jason Mott, and wonderful grandmother of Madie, Ben, Andy, and Aaron;

**Now, therefore, be it resolved** that we, the members of the Missouri House of Representatives, Ninety-fourth General Assembly, join unanimously to applaud the personal and professional accomplishments garnered by Yvonne Ridder as an educator and to convey to her this legislative body's most heartfelt best wishes as she partakes of the special opportunities and pleasures traditionally associated with the golden years of retirement; and

**Be it further resolved** that the Chief Clerk of the Missouri House of Representatives be instructed to prepare a properly inscribed copy of this resolution for presentation to Yvonne Ridder of the Washington School District of Franklin County, Missouri.

Offered by \_\_\_\_\_  
Representative Kevin Threlkeld  
District No. 109

I, Rod Jetton, Speaker of the House of Representatives, Ninety-fourth General Assembly, First Regular Session, do certify that the above is a true and correct copy of House Resolution No. \_\_\_\_, adopted \_\_\_\_, 2007.

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Rod Jetton, Speaker